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Reciprocity Licensing Examination: Military Law Enforcement

Individuals with experience in a military law enforcement occupational specialty may qualify to take the *Reciprocity Licensing Examination* to become licensed in Minnesota. Qualification to take this exam is based on these criteria:

- Four years of cumulative experience in a law enforcement occupational specialty,
OR
- at least two years cumulative experience in a law enforcement occupational specialty **plus** a degree from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution,
OR
- experience as a full-time peace officer in another state combined with cumulative service experience in a military law enforcement occupational specialty totaling four years

You must pass this exam to qualify for a law enforcement position in Minnesota. You will be *license eligible* when you pass the exam, which allows you to be hired by an agency. When you are hired you will be issued a *Peace Officer License*. Until you are hired you can remain eligible by retaking the exam every three years.

The exam is administered each Tuesdays at 9:00 A.M. by appointment only at the POST Board's office. The application form, all supporting documentation and the *non-refundable fee of \$105.00* (payable to POST Board) must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the date you wish to take the exam. Exam results will be mailed to you within two weeks.

The *Reciprocity Licensing Examination* is a multiple-choice test. About 75% of the test is about Minnesota criminal code, traffic code and the juvenile justice laws. About 25% of the test covers theory and history of policing. The focus of the exam is on information Minnesota law enforcement officers need to know for day-to-day operations.

To prepare for the exam study the most recent edition of the ***Minnesota Criminal Code and Selected Statutes***, and ***Minnesota Motor Vehicle and Traffic Laws***. These publications may be purchased from Minnesota's Bookstore located at 660 Olive Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101 or <http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/mnbookstore.asp> The statutes are also available free at the Minnesota Revisor: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/>

If you have any questions regarding the exam, please contact the Testing & Licensing Coordinator at (651) 201-7784.